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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Monday** November 13th. to **Wedneſday** November 15th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. PRAY, *Explain the* 27th Verſe *of the* 9th Chapter *of St.* Luke, But I tell you of a Truth, there be ſome ſtanding here which ſhall not taſt of Death till they ſee the Kingdom of God. *A ſpeedy Anſwer will very much Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, J. M.

A. The meaning is, 'till they ſee me reigning with Power over the Church, and Preached and adored by many as the Saviour of the World. This Interpretation does very well agree with what went before. For that the Multitude then Preſent might be ſatisfied of the Truth of what he had ſaid as to his being the Judge of the World, he tells there were ſome then preſent (*viz.* the Apoſtles) that ſhou'd live to ſee evident Tokens of his Regal Power, in his Reſurrection, Aſcenſion, ſending the Holy Ghoſt, Propagation of the Goſpel by Signs and Wonders, and Promulgation of the Law of the New Covenant from *Sion.* Juſtly therefore are they commanded to believe him to be their Supream Judge, whom in a little Time ſome of them ſhou'd ſee their Lawgiver.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, inform me whether it be Lawful for God-Fathers and God-Mothers, to Promiſe that Children ſhall Renounce the Devil and all the Pomps and Vanities of this Wicked World,* &c. *A ſpeedy Anſwer will very much Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, J. M.

A. In natural Equity the act of a Guardian in the Name, and for the Benefit of his Guard or Pupil, tho' done without his Knowledg ſtands good and binding: Why ſhou'd it be therefore thought unlawful, or even in any Reſpect unfit for a God-Father to Perſonate an Infant, and by a Promiſe made in his Name Oblige him to that, whereby his Spiritual Eſtate is certainly bettered. And tho' the Infant when he comes to Age may not think fit to ſtand to the Engagement, yet this brings no Guilt upon him that Stipulated for him, provided he faithfully diſcharged his Duty in giving him all requiſite Inſtruction. Of this Spiritual Stipulation for Infants, St. *Auguſtin* ſpeaks thus, *Accommodat illis Mater Eccleſia aliorum pedes ut veniant, aliorum cor ut credant, aliorum linguam ut fateantur, ut quoniam quod ægri ſunt alio peccante prægravantur, ſic cum ſani fiant alio pro eis confitente Salventur.* Serm. 10. de Verb. Apoſt.

Q. Gentlemen, *Since you have taken upon you to reſolve all Difficulties, pleaſe to Explain the following* Verſes *of the* 5th Chapter *of* Geneſis, *the* 1ſt *and* 2d Verſes. This is the Book of the Generations of *Adam*, in the Day that God Created Man, in the likeneſs of God made he him; Male and Female, Created he them, and Bleſſed them, and called their Name *Adam*, in the Day when they were Created. *Woether or no by the Words* (their Name) *is meant* Adam *and* Eve, *which being reſolved by you, will Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, W. B.

A. It is to be obſerved that the Word *Adam* has various Significations in Scripture. Sometimes it is taken for the firſt Man, as *Gen.* 2. 23. Sometimes indefinitely for any Man, as *Gen.* 9. 6. *Pſal.* 49. 20. Sometimes collectively for the Species of Mankind Male and Female, And by this Communion of Name is ſhewed not only the Union of both Sexes in Nature, but alſo their Communion in Duties and Priviledges. In this third acception the Word *Adam* here is to be taken.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire your Opinion, whether there be any ſuch thing as* Love Powder, *and how it can have the Effects it is ſaid to have.*

Your Humble Servant, A. V.

A. We have abundance of ſtrange Accounts of the Operations of *Philters* by many Authors, as St. *Hierome*, *Euſebius*, *Eraſtus*, *Plutarch*, *Juvenal*, *Panormitan*, *Salmutz*, *Cornelius Agrippa*, &c. But as the Conſequences therein mentioned are not ſuppoſed to proceed from Natural Cauſes, ſo we have Reaſon enough to eſteem them no better than Idle Deluſions, or Diabolical Inſinuations.

Q. Gentlemen, *The* 5th. *Comedy in the* 2d. *Tome of* Molieres *Works, is called,* Le Teſtin de Pierre, *and yet there is no ſuch Actor as* Pierre, *neither is there the leaſt mention of any Feaſt in that Comedy. I deſire to know why 'tis ſo called, and whether that Author have not a Genius beyond any Comic Poet of our own Nation, Ancient or Modern, whether his Characters are not as juſt and Natural, even as thoſe of* Terence, Pag. 347. *of the ſame Tome and in the ſame Comedy, he tells the Advantages of Hypocriſy: And the following Words being ſomething difficult, I deſire a Tranſlation as literal as the Senſe will allow.*

" On lie à force de grimaces une Societié étroite " avec tous les gens du parti; qui en choque un " ſe les attire tous ſur les bras, & ceux que l'on " fçait même agir de bon foi la deſſus & que " chacun connoît pour être veritablement touchez, " ceux là, dis je, ſont toujours les dupes des au- " tres; ils donnent hardiment dans le panneau " des grimaciers, & appuient aveugément le " ſinges de leur Actions.

I deſire a ſpeedy Anſwer, and am,

Yours, W. D———n.

A. We have not at preſent an Opportunity of inſpecting his Works: But if Diſſimulation is the Subject of that Comedy, we gueſs the Title ought to be literally Tranſlated, *The Feaſt of Stones,* meaning thereby the hard Entertainment thoſe meet with that are bubbled by Diſſemblers. We agree with the Queriſt, that *Moliere* is incomparably the beſt of all Modern Comic Poets, and is in all Reſpects equal to any of the Ancients, ſaving that out of an Affectation to pleaſe the Multitude he ſometimes acts the Buffoon, inſtead of the fine and agreable Gentlemen. The literal Tranſlation of the Place here quoted is thus. " By the Power " of Fair Looks, one may contract a ſtrict Society " with all the Men of the Party; he that offends " one brings all of them upon his Back; and thoſe " that are known alſo to deal fairly thereupon, " and whom every one underſtands to be ſincerely " Affected, thoſe, I ſay, are always, made the " Bubbles of others; they are eaſily drawn into " the Snare of Diſſemblers, and blindly favor " thoſe who only Counterfiet their Sincerity.

Q. Gentlemen, *Hearing ſeveral Diſputes concerning* Caterpillars, *but never yet ſatisfied what ſort of Animal they are, ſome ſaying they are like Worms and Feed upon Cabbage,* &c. *and that there are Hairy ones and Smooth ones, others affirming that they are Winged and Feed upon Sycamore Leaves. I deſire your Opinion concerning them.*

Your Humble Servant, Joe Foll.

A. Theſe Diſputes, we ſuppoſe, proceeded from not underſtanding that there are almoſt infinitely various Species of *Caterpillars,* perhaps as many as of all other Animals put together. There is ſcarce a Plant or Tree which has not a peculiar ſort of *Caterpillar* for its Enemy and Deſtroyer. And of theſe there are a vaſt Number that undergo a great many Changes of Forms; tho' perhaps, as *Swammerdam* well obſerves, there may not be ſo properly a Transformation, as an Explication of the Parts of theſe Animals, latent before in Miniature (as it were in the *Ovum* or *Nympha* (like the Plant in the Seed) and an increaſe of all the Parts by proper Degrees. However it is manifeſt from common Obſervation, that are vaſt Numbers of theſe Inſects, which ceaſing from all Motion, and abſtaining from Food, are at laſt Transformed into various kinds of Worms, which are covered over with a hard Shell or Cruſt, and ſeem to lie Dead all the Winter. But upon the approach of the Summers Heat, the Shells break; and from them poceed various ſorts of Butterflies and other Species of Winged Inſects. Theſe Winged Inſects, again lay Eggs, or put their Spawn near to thoſe Places where the *Eruca's* which afterwards hatch'd out of them may have Food proper for them; and in this manner they Propogate their Species.

Q. *I* John Wright, *Write the Rector of the Church of* England, *better* then, [illegible] J. C.

Gentlemen, *Your Solution is deſired (a Wager depending thereon) whether the* [illegible] *ought to be Wrote; if otherwyſe be pleaſed to* [illegible] *me, in your next* Apollo, *and you* [illegible]

Your Humble Servant, J. W.

Note, *The Wager hinges upon the Word* then, *ones of the Parties affirming* [illegible] *that it ſhou'd be* [illegible]

A. The Sentence is Written Right: For [illegible]s well as *than,* is an Adverb of Compariſon, as you may be ſatisfied by conſulting only the laſt Tranſlation of the Bible. Notwithſtanding our correcteſt Modern Writers carelеſsly diſtinguiſh theſe two, uſing *than* always for the Adverb of Compariſon, and *then* only as an Adverb of Time, or of *Illation,* as Grammarians call it.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire you will Anſwer me the following Query.*

Where a Wood-Cock *makes its abode in the Summer time.*

A. This Queſtion is already Anſwered, in *Vol I,* which will be ſpeedily Publiſhed in *Octavo.*

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

Q. APOLLO, *who art ſaid to know,*
A. All Things tranſacted here Below,
Which Nature, or which Art can do,
And alſo Metaphyſicks too.
Be they ne'er ſo abſtruſe or nice,
You can reſolve 'em in a trice;
And therefore none will be perſuaded,
(Since you are by no Ænigma jaded)
But that you Correſpondence hold,
(If not your ſelf you've to him ſold)
With Old Sir Nick, *or elſe how can ye,*
Such Anſwers ſteal, and none trepan ye?
But howſoever that may be,
It ne'er the leaſt ſhall trouble me,

Whether

Whether your Parts *Solutions ſend,*
Or whether gain'd of that Old Friend;
Take all the Methods which you can, Sir,
So you will but remit an Anſwer,
To what relates not only to
A Mortal, or a God like you,
But 'tis, (if you will be ſo Civil)
A Query *which concerns the* Devil;
Which I'll not offer to tranſpoſe,
From its Original in Proſe.

What firſt gave Birth to that Old Saying,

He knew the Devil, and therefore knew the better how to deal with him?

A. And thus *Apollo* muſt ſtand Buff,
Againſt both Wit and Doggrel Stuff;
To *Queries* of the Learned Doctors,
'S well as of Midwives and their Proctors,
To Modern Whims, and Ancient *Saws*,
And all their Orthographic Laws;
Since then 'tis ſo, all in good time,
Shall either Reaſon have or Rhime.
To prove this, pleaſe to underſtand
We're falling on the Matter 'n Hand.

A Shepherd once, 'bout Eight a clock,
Drove through the *Strand* benighted Flock;
A Black Ram making a falſe Trip,
Into Wine Cellar chanc'd to ſlip:
A Drawer thundring down the Stairs,
Not having ſaid, 'tis thought, his Pray'rs,
See'ng his long Horns, and ſable Hew,
Up Stairs agen, like Light'ning flew,
Cry'd, O the Devil, there is Booſing,
And a Hundred Devils more Carrouſing.
How! Quoth mine Hoſt, that's very fine,
What th'Devil will become o' my Wine!
Here, Sirrah, quick, the Candle give me,
For Varlet I will not believe thee.
So down the Dungeon dark deſcended,
By Brace of Drawers arm'd attended:
No ſooner to the Bottom come,
But ſouce, full butt, 'gainſt brawny Bum:
The ſpacious Horns were fiercely play'd,
Up mounted Champion, all bewray'd:
And th' Devil ten times louder baul'd,
'Till the Neighbours all arround he call'd.

A Prieſt was there a toping Liquor,
But whether Parſon, or the Vicar,
It matters not, (for in thoſe Times,
Tho' napt when ſuch were Venial Crimes)
He in the Pickle ſaw mine Hoſt,
Quoth he, Thou'ſt little Faith to boaſt)
I'll down to th' Infernal Regions,
And Exorciſe 'em, were there Legions

Soon as he cou'd the Bottom reach,
The Ram came thundring at his Breech,
And all his Exorciſms croſt, Sir,
E'er he cou'd ſay one *Pater Noſter.*
Away he ſcour'd, as ſwift as Wind,
And thought the Devil ſtill behind.

At length the Shepherd coming by,
And asking What, and How, and Why?
He ſoon perceiv'd his Ram it was,
Occaſion'd all that came to paſs.
Quoth he then to the Spouſe of Hoſt,
(For th' Man was giving up the Ghoſt)
If you a good Reward will give me,
(For 'tis a mighty Task, believe me)
I will releaſe ye from this Evil,
And on my Back bear off the Devil:
Quoth ſhe if you'll perform this task,
I'll give you whatſoe'er you ask.
A Sum agreed upon at laſt,
Down Stairs he went, and bound him faſt,
But all the Mob which round attended,
Scower'd off, as he again Aſcended,
As fearing *this* at leaſt muſt be,
A greater Devil far than he.
And cou'd not ſtrength ſufficient lack,
To carry 'em all upon his back.

APOLLO,

Q. *Many think there's a* World in the Moon.
Pray, tell us what manner of Creatures
Dwell there, if on two Legs they go,
And Reſemble us here in their Features.

A. Since 'tis but a *Notion* at beſt.
They are what our Fancies Opine,
Some great Virtuoſo's may be,
And ſome may have Noddles like thine.

SIR,

THE Letters from Bruſſels, Novem. 19th. Adviſe that they Write from St. Sebeſtians of the 4th Inſtant, That the Confederate Army was in the Neighbourhood of Madrid, conſiſting of 20000 Men, and King Charles at the Head, from whence he went to Madrid, as Occaſion and his Pleaſure ſerv'd; and, to the great Comfort and Eaſe of the People, the King has taken of the Paying of Cuſtoms, coming into Madrid, which has made all things cheap, and eaſy to the Inhabitants; That General Staremberg is Fortifying, with all ſpeed, the Town of Toledo, and employs on the Fortifications, all the Workmen in and about Madrid; That the ſaid General has made ſeveral Detachments from his main Body, but they know not upon what Deſigns; That the Duke of Anjou was at Placencia, and his Army

at Casa Texada, near Talavera de Reyna; That the Portugeze have Plundered Xeres de los Cavalleros; and, 'tis said, design to March into Andalusia, and go directly to Seville, That the French promise the Spaniards to penetrate into Catalonia by the way of Roussillon, to force the Allies to retire out of Castile, and Arragon, to defend that Principality; That the 2d Instant, the Duke de San Pedro's Son was brought Prisoner from the Duke of Anjou's Army, and secured in the Castle of St. Sebastions, for being disaffected to the said Prince's Interest.

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